

# Snappy Practice Games are Putting the Major League Players In Good

## THAT HUNTING TUNE

Tales Told At the Ringside

By W. A. Phelan

JACK O'KEEFE, lightweight fighter, was about as neat a case of Jekyll and Hyde as ever donned the gloves. As Jack O'Keefe, the fighter, he was a fast and clever boxer, tricky and crafty, ranking among the topnotchers while he lasted in the game. For him, however, the game was over as he drew off the mittens. Outside the ring he became a different personage, not only in habits, speech and occupation, but even in his name. For Jack O'Keefe, the prize fighter, when away from the battleground, was John Francis Keefe, the song writer—author of many little tinkling ballads that had some vogue ten years ago, all full of sentiment, and not one of them tinged with even a suspicion of the fighting game. Mr. Keefe-O'Keefe moved in two wholly different circles. As O'Keefe, the fighter, he had a manager, transacted all business for him; as Keefe, the song writer, he tended to his own affairs, and he managed most cleverly to keep one profession from interfering with the other. The very appearance of the man seemed to change with his change of clothes. In the gymnasium, sweated and gloved, he wore a grim, ferocious fighting face, while spatters of blood flecked his rumpled hair. In the drawing room or theater, faultlessly attired, his wavy hair and soulful eyes gave him the appearance of a genius or a poet. Only a few people knew of Keefe's dual personality, and still fewer of them told about it till Keefe had given up the ring.

Honey, Melody, Boston boxer of renown, came from the east and sought a battle with O'Keefe. Mr. Melody was handsome, refined of ways and speech, and they called him Honey from his sweet and tuneful singing. He met Mr. O'Keefe, arranged to fight him, and encountered him with an eager multitude massed in pit and gallery to see the fray. It was arranged as a great fight, and the crowd expected to see direful doings.

The bell rang, and Mr. Melody stepped lightly forward, singing a little catch as he advanced. Mr. O'Keefe, leaping to the fray, heard the little lit, and halted in surprise. The words were his own—the song was one he had sold three weeks before. "For then and now, for then and now, she was my truest love," sang Melody, reaching for O'Keefe's nose with a prehensile left.

O'Keefe head-slipped the blow and clinched. "You're getting that wrong," he whispered, as they reeled to the ropes. "It's not 'she was,' but 'she is.' " "Why so?" queried Melody, jabbing a left to the ribs. "Because," explained O'Keefe, crossing a right hook. "I wrote it." "You're crazy," derided Melody, swinging his famous overhand left—a guy named John Francis Keefe wrote that song. "That's me," smiled O'Keefe, blocking and uppercutting. "That's my name outside the ring." "Honest?" cried Melody, putting both hands to the jaw. "Say, can you fix up something neat, sort of catchy, that I could sing when my lodge meets next week in Boston?"

"Surest thing you know," said O'Keefe, working his right with great effect at close quarters. "Come over to my house after the show and I'll go over the words with you."

"My trainer," said Melody, "can play the piano. Shall we take him along?" And they fought furiously near the ropes. "By all means bring him," gasped O'Keefe, landing a heavy swing on the break. "I'll phone home, and my wife will fix a little lunch."

And, thus having arranged for the balance of the evening, O'Keefe and Melody closed in, fought toe to toe like tigers, and battled to a raging finish, while the crowd yelled, and the fighters beamed ecstatically as they thought of music, songs and higher culture.

## Wingo Surrenders to Manager Huggins

Pilot of the St. Louis Cardinals Still Has Geyer and Koney on the Holdout List.

By W. J. O'CONNOR.

COLUMBUS, Ga., March 7.—The unconditional surrender of Ivey Wingo, who threatened to prove the most stubborn of the holdouts, gives manager Huggins reason to believe that all the other Cardinal holdouts soon will swing in line. It is known, however, that the breach between Ed Koney and the manager, which at one time was upward of \$2500, has narrowed down to a paltry \$250 and this slight deficit may be wiped out once the manager's first salary and the diminutive \$5000 over come together. Hug is in no hurry to tackle Koney. He prefers to pick on Rube Geyer, the Minnesota trapper, first.

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amber fluid is sold in plentiful quantities. Sundays everything is closed. The theaters are dark and the town folks spend a riotous day by attending church. Steve Evans believes that the best thing in Columbus, on Sunday, is the 2 o'clock train for St. Louis.

The double-barreled practice is still the order of the day.

The Cardinals have moved into a spacious clubhouse and have the advantage of three showers and plenty of room to dress.

Only a few of the players complain of more arms. Steve Evans and Hildebrand are the winners. Mike Mowrey has a cold and called in the house physician, but the attack isn't serious.

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## "Play Ball" Is Music Even To the Holdouts

Ty Cobb and "Wahoo Sam" Crawford Are Only Two of the Brigade Who Have Not Been Lured by the Chirp of the Bluebird.

By ED. CURELY.

NEW YORK, March 7.—The hold-out, the bird that flutters its wings in the winter months and emits shrill shrieks telling the world that it will not sign any contracts unless the cold-hearted manager comes across with more money, is almost extinct. Those desperate managers have taken steady aim at the flock and popped successfully for nearly all the birds dropped to the ground willing to agree to any and all terms.

There are only two left of the flock—Ty Cobb and "Wahoo Sam" Crawford—and strange to relate, both wear Detroit uniforms when they hang their heads. Cobb has seen some light, for he intends to hike to Macon, Ga., where Stallings is getting the Braves in shape and start to work off the avoirdupois gained through a winter of luxurious idleness.

Crawford refuses to say what he's going to do. We should fret. When the predatory umpire calls "play ball" but the case notes that Cobb and Crawford will be hanging around wondering whether they will strike out or make the fans break the bank.

Yes! When the snow flies it's all the merry to talk about striking a "cat" at the manager's dome. But when the bluebirds begin to chirp, oh, my, what a difference!

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## Browns Will Play Texas League Teams

St. Louis Americans Now in Training Camp at Waco Have Every Regular Twinkler in the Fold.

By CLARENCE F. LLOYD

WACO, TEX., March 7.—With every player accounted for save Balenti and Levensen, the St. Louis Browns arrived in Waco, Tex., where they were met by manager Stoval and another portion of the team and practice for the 1913 campaign.

Nineteen players were in the party leaving St. Louis, pitcher Walter Levensen, the sensation of last season, the Coast League last season, failing to show up.

In the bunch were Austin, Adams, Brief, Bonin, Crossin, Graff, Shotton, Walsh, Wellmann, Wallace, Roche, Baumgardner, Schwank, Snyder, Hamilton, Pratt, Williams, Criger and Casey.

The players who reported direct to the training camp are Napier, Mitchell, Johnson, Compton, Alexander, Agnew, Allison, McAllister, Sloan, Stone, Walker, Patterson and Stucker.

Derrill Pratt, the dashing young second baseman, like Hamilton and Shotton, gave president Hedger a long verbal battle before he signed his contract. After it was all over, Pratt wore a smile, indicating he had received what he asked for. The Colonel also looked pleased.

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## E. P. & S. W. BOWLERS WIN SILVER TROPHY

Victorious Bowlers in the Industrial League Will Receive Award at Banquet—Swifts in Second Place.

The silver trophy, championship cup donated to the winner of the Industrial Bowlers' league, was won by the E. P. & S. W. five, Wednesday night marked the win of the Industrial circuit and the E. P. & S. W. retired the winner with a high percentage of 767. The trophy will be awarded at a banquet at the Sheldon hotel. The win of the Coetus league will take place next week. Second place in the Industrials was won by the Swifts, who maintained a berth at the head of the league for the better part of the season. El Toro quintet picked third place, and the Globe Mills came in a good fourth.

A three man tournament is now being discussed by the ex-Industrial of the league members. The eight first men in the individual average column will be taken to captain these teams.

Following are the standings of the club bowlers:

Team W. L. Pct.

E. P. & S. W. 46 14 .767

Swifts 38 22 .633

Cement Plant 31 29 .517

Globe Mills 23 31 .433

El Toro 22 32 .407

Mine & Smelter 7 53 .117

## FOSTER'S BOWLERS LOSE TO KILMER'S

Victors in Smelter League Match Win Three of the Four Points—A. W. Foster Rolls High Total.

Three of the four points were won by the Kilmer five in the Smelter league Tuesday night at the Cactus alleys from the Foster quintet. Together with the reverse of last week last night's defeat for the Foster club, it makes the first berth aspirations of that team in the percentage column.

The following scores were made:

Kilmer team—

F. M. Kilmer, Jr. 124 152 121 429

C. E. Kilmer 133 147 121 429

J. Horne 132 111 164 408

P. Stein 129 161 162 452

R. R. Miller 131 155 182 468

Foster team—

A. W. Foster 173 126 222 529

H. Sheffield 146 156 182 484

V. Woodbury 124 159 115 408

W. Houston 97 132 135 367

W. Jensen 147 122 104 374

Points won, Kilmer, 3; Foster, 1; high total, Foster, 529.

## POWELL AND SCHULTZ DISCUSS PLANS FOR BOXING MATCH

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## Bresnahan's Peg Cuts Down Recruits

Yanigans Fail in Attempts to Steal Bases in Practice Games With the Cub Regulars.

AMPA, FLA., March 7.—Roger Bresnahan's peg to second in two practice games with the Cub regulars. In a six inning game which resulted in a 2 to 0 score for the regulars, Bresnahan nipped every man who tried to steal second and cut down two recruits who tried to romp home on him.

The first overconfident recruit to meet his fate was Berghammer, who tried to go in from third in the second inning and would have landed all right with a good umpire in charge of the scrap. Bresnahan hopped over the plate and caught the ball before the batter could swipe at it, then turned and hit the runner with a well aimed ball.

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